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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Brooks, Rev. H. E	Eufaula,	Ala.
Haygood, Rev. J. J	Clayton,	"
Lipscomb, Rev. E. P	Eufaula,	"
Ray, Rev. S. O. Y	Midway,	"
Reeves, Rev. W. N	Eufaula,	"
Schramm, Rev. H. R	Midway,	"

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ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order. Devotional Exercises conducted by Moderator.
3. Read Letters and Enroll Delegates.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Application for Membership.
6. Appointment of Committees to report at this session: 1, Religious Exercises; 2, State of the churches; 3, Finance; 4, Nominations; 5, Baptist Orphan's Home.
7. Receive Correspondents from Associations—Bethel, Centennial, Columbus, Judson, Montgomery, Newton, Selma, Tuskegee, Harris, Columbia, Summer Hill.
8. Receive Agents of Boards and Visitors.
9. Report of Executive Committee.
10. Report on Education.
11. Call for Correspondence.
12. Report on Missions: 1, State Missions; 2, Home Missions; 3, Foreign Missions.
13. Apportionment.
14. Woman's Work.
15. Orphan's Home.
16. Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers.
17. Return Correspondents.
18. Report on Temperance.
19. Report on Ministerial Education.
20. Report on Sabbath Schools.
21. Missionary Sermon.
22. Report on State of the Churches.
23. Report on Bible and Colportage Work.
24. Report on Obituaries.
25. Report on Special Committees.
26. Report on Nominations.
27. Report on Finance Committee.
28. Miscellaneous Business.
29. Final Adjournment.

MINUTES.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
Eufaula, Ala., Dec. 3, 1897.

1. The Forty-Fourth Annual Session of the Eufaula Baptist Association was held with the First Baptist Church, at Eufaula, Ala., beginning today at 11 a. m.

2. Bro. S. O. Y. Ray conducted the devotional exercises.

3. On motion Bro. H. Hawkins was elected temporary Moderator.

4. On motion Bro. Geo. B. Davis was elected Clerk.

5. Bros. S. O. Y. Ray and G. L. Comer read the church letters.

6. The names of delegates were enrolled as follows:

Bethlehem—J. G. Sinquefield.

Clayton—H. W. B. Price, B. Davie, J. J. Haygood.

Center Ridge—J. J. S. Willis.

Cowikee—Not represented.

Enon—Not represented.

Eufaula 1st—E. P. Lipscomb, J. D. Godwin, W. N. Reeves, G. B Davis, A. J. Chambliss, A. A. Couric, A. B. Bush, H. L. Jordan, J. M. Magee, G. L. Comer, R. Moulthrop, Jr., C. A. Locke, E. S. Shorter.

Eufaula S. S.—C. J. Smith, C. J. Stephens.

Evergreen—Not represented.

Glennville—R. D. Peak.

Hawkinsville—H. Hawkins, V. Crawford.

Midway—S. O. Y. Ray, H. R. Schramm, J. G. Hitchcock, W. C. Jordan, Jno. Milner, A. A. Adams.

Mt. Olive—Not represented.

Mt. Zion—Not represented.

Old Mt. Zion—S. N. Cox.

Pea Creek—Not represented.

Pleasant Hill—Not represented.

Pleasant Grove—Not represented.

Pleasant Plains— J. T. Watkins, Earnest Norton.

Prospect—M. M. McEachen, H. H. Hovey, Warren Baker, J. E. Ware.

Ramah—J. C. Culpepper, W. W. Vaughan, B. F. Gary.

Union—J. E. Fenn, J. B. Lassiter, W. B. Bowden.

8. On motion Bro. G. L. Comer was elected Moderator.

9. On motion Bro. Geo. B. Davis was elected Clerk.

10. The application of the Pleasant Plains Baptist Church to become a member with us was received, and on motion the church was admitted.

11. Correspondents were received as follows:

Bethel Association—Dr. F. M. Bledsoe.

Summer Hill Association—W. D. Joiner.

Georgia Baptist State Convention—B. H. Parker.

State Board of Missions—A. J. Preston.

Orphan's Home—J. W. Stewart.

Alabama Baptist—J. A. Howard.

Foreign Mission Journal—S. O. Y. Ray.

S. S. Board—H. R. Schramm.

On motion the Association adjourned till 2:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

13. The Association joined in singing "Leaning on Jesus." Prayer by Bro. G. L. Comer.

14. The following committees were appointed to report at this session:

Religious Exercises—E. P. Lipscomb, J. J. S. Willis, H. Hawkins.

State of Churches—S. O. Y. Ray, W. W. Vaughan, J. E. Fenn.

Finance—W. C. Jordan, J. D. Godwin, J. T. Watkins.

Nominations—H. W. B. Price, S. N. Cox, Warren Baker.

Baptist Orphans' Home—A. A. Couric, B. F. Gary, J. G. Sinquefield.

15. The report on Home Missions was read by Bro. G. L. Comer.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Home Missions, beg leave to report as follows:

At every annual session of our Association a report has been made on Home Missions. These reports have been made up of glittering generalities and fine-spun theories about the great need of work in the home field, but nothing practical has ever resulted from said reports.

It would be a useless consumption of time and labor for your committee in making their report to follow along the same beaten path, and when this Association adjourns leave this important work where it is now, and where it has been, practically unchanged, for many years past.

No one who desires to accomplish the greatest good in the Master's work can doubt for a moment that this Association owes it to itself to be up and doing in this work. Everyone who is alive to the possibilities of the great good to be accomplished in this field can see at a glance the importance of immediate action. Let us not delay longer.

The "fields are already white to harvest" and what we need is laborers to occupy and reap. Missionary work is absolutely necessary for the spread of the gospel. Missionaries cannot be obtained without means. Means cannot be obtained without sacrifice and self-denial. Sacrifice and self-denial can only come from consecrated men and women.

Let us at the present session adopt measures to put one or more suitable missionaries in the home field of this Association and supply the great need among our people for Bibles, religious literature and religious training.

Your committee in this report does not deal with the subject of Home Missions as generally understood, but confine their report to the subject as related to the home field of this Association. Let us awake to our duty and perform it to the best of our ability, and the blessing is sure to come. Respectfully submitted,

G. L. COMER,
Chairman.

Discussed by Bros. G. L. Comer, W. D. Joiner, W. C. Bledsoe, A. J. Preston, H. Hawkins and H. R. Schramm.

On motion, the report was adopted.

16. The report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. B. Davie.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Those who have kept pace with the great work of the Sunday School for the past six months have had ample opportunities for studying the subject of Foreign Missions in the light of the Christian scholarship of the world as focussed on the sacred pages of Holy Writ. If that light has revealed anything to us, it has shown us, first the fact, second the manner, and third the authority of Foreign Missions.

The fact is established beyond all doubt in the consecrated lives and examples of the early Christians, notably in that of St. Paul, who, like our blessed Master, in one of the crises of his life, was virtually "driven of the Spirit" further and further away, and on two different occasions when his footsteps were tending in the direction of a return to home and friends, the Spirit, we are told, suffered him not to do this, but sent him on and on into regions of spiritual darkness and night, thus verifying the divine words, "I have set thee to be a light to the Gentiles."

The manner of propagating the gospel at that time was one of hardship and peril, so far as the missionaries were concerned, but we find (see next Sunday's lesson for example) that they received repeated aid from the churches, and are thus left in no doubt as to our bounden duty to those whom we have sent to represent us in proclaiming the glad tidings of the gospel in foreign lands.

The authority for Foreign Missions. When the Rev. Mr. McCollum, one of our Japan missionaries, was last in this country and was asked for a reason for his tenacious hold upon the mission work, his reply was "Because God is in it." Blessed thought, and how beautifully corroborated in the words of another, who writes: "The spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ."

As an associational committee we have no censure for the churches of this body. We commend them for that degree of devotion and interest shown in the great cause which was so near the heart of our blessed Master when he gave us our marching orders, and would only admonish and encourage them to still further consecration of their means to this great cause. Fraternally submitted,

B. DAVIE,
Chairman.

On motion, the subject of Foreign Missions was made the order of business for the first thing in the morning.

17. The report on Ministerial Education was read by Bro. H. R. Schramm.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your committee appointed to report on Ministerial Education, beg leave to report the following:

There never has been a period in the history of the denomination when the demand for an educated ministry was as great as at the present age. The churches are crying for the preacher who has had school advantages, and we find that in proportion that the preachers are educated, in that proportion our cause on the lines of State, Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Bible and Colportage work and Orphans' Home advances more rapidly than where the preachers have not had the advantages of school training (with but very few exceptions).

So we, your committee, would urge the encouraging of educating young men whom the churches feel are called of God and who show gifts of preaching before licensed by their churches:

1. Because God teaches through the Bible. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

God has blessed us with schools where preachers can get a fine literary education which will enable them to study God's Word to better advantage. They can study the Bible and instruct their people with more force, having a better knowledge of the Scriptures. As a dull axe cannot do as much work in the hands of a person as a sharp one, so an uneducated preacher cannot do the good that the educated preacher can do. True, many of our pioneer preachers were not educated who did a better work perhaps than those of us who are educated will do, but these preachers felt the need of an education, so they labored hard to lay the foundation that we are now enjoying and urged their younger preachers to strive to get an education, for they felt the great need of an education, and claimed that if they could have been educated they could have done so much more good.

2. Because the churches—most of them—demand that their pastors be educated, for as the people advance in education, so they feel that the pulpit ought to keep pace with the people. They are willing to pay more for the educated pastor than for the one who has not had educational advantages.

3. The Foreign Mission work requires that the preachers be highly educated at college and the Seminary in order to do the best work in foreign fields. Our Home Board employs the best educated men that it can get, feeling that the most good can be accomplished by edu-

cated men. Our State Board of Missions employs the best educated preachers that it can secure for its work, believing that the Master's cause can better be promoted by educated preachers.

So for these reasons we urge the churches of this Association to contribute annually to Ministerial Education, and send to the Board of Ministerial Education at East Lake, Ala.

We have 31 ministerial students at Howard College and 27 of these are asking for aid. As we have no beneficiary in this association, we recommend that this association pay the expenses of one of these students.

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. SCHRAMM, Chairman.

Discussed by Bros. J. A. Howard, W. N. Reeves, J. J. Haygood, H. R. Schramm and E. P. Lipscomb.

On motion, the report was adopted.

18. On motion, a committee of three was appointed to ascertain whether two young ministers in the bounds of our Association need assistance, and whether it will be proper for us to give aid to them, or if necessary that we secure a young man as a beneficiary from some other part of the State.

Committee—S. O. Y. Ray, E. P. Lipscomb and J. J. Haygood.

Adjourned till 9:30 a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

19. Bro. A. J. Preston conducted the religious exercises.

20. The discussion of Foreign Missions was resumed by J. W. Stewart, H. R. Schramm, A. J. Preston, S. O. Y. Ray, E. P. Lipscomb.

On motion the report was adopted.

21. The report on Aged and Infirm Ministers was read by the Clerk.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

We are glad to report that the ministers of the Eufaula Association are comparatively young men who are actively engaged in the cause of the Master and are self-sustaining.

Respectfully submitted,
A. B. Bush,
Chairman Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

22. Bro. A. J. Preston preached from Hebrews 12:1-2.

23. The report on Woman's Work was read by Bro. S. O. Y. Ray.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The Woman's Missionary Union was organized at Richmond, Va., in May, 1888. In 1891 the fourteen states composing the Southern Baptist Convention had heartily entered into the general organization. Their work may be indicated under four heads:

Correspondence, systematic distribution of missionary literature, circulation of plans for collecting money, and annual meetings for conference and action with a purpose to avail ourselves of existing agencies—religious publications, weekly and monthly, &c.

During the nine years of the operations of this organization they have distributed of literature: Leaflets, 1,236,887; Christmas envelopes, 573,852; Mission prayer cards, 168,645; Mite Barrels and Boxes, 85,258; Brick and Sheaf cards, 143,886; Centennial Certificates; 15,988; Papers, 24,434.

Their special plans have been, (1) Christmas offering; (2) Cuban brick cards; (3) Woman's Department in Foreign Mission Journal; (4) boxes to fronties missionaries; (5) week of prayer; (6) girls school in Cuba; (7) support of female missionaries in foreign lands; (8) columns in State papers; (9) department in Kind Words; (10) centennial chapel cards; (11) band deportment; (12) furnishing Cuban hospital; (13) work among foreign population in America; (14) work among colored women and children; (15) week of self denial.

MONIED RESULTS.

Since organization they have collected for Foreign Missions, $219,-144.60; for Home Missions, $191,421.12; total for nine years for both boards, $410,565.72. Last year they gave, for Foreign Missions, $23,476.33, and for Home Missions $29,993.31, making a total of

$53,479.64. Of this amount $18,975.05 was sent to frontier missionaries in boxes containing clothing and other necessaries of life for themselves and families.

Alabama gave of the above amount the past year: For Foreign Missions, $1,215.49; for Home Missions, in cash, $502.47; in boxes, valued at $1,595.88; total, $2,098.35; grand total, for Home and Foreign Missions, $3,313.84.

EUFAULA ASSOCIATION

Has given the present year the sum of $324.42, divided among the following objects: Foreign Missions, $5.00; Home Missions, $108.27; State Missions, $5.00; Church aid, $65.00; building of Pastoriums, $75.00; Orphanage, $8.00. We see from the letters that only twelve societies working in the churches have made any efforts along this line.

We commend the work of this organization to all our churches. Let an organization be formed in every church; it opens a field for usefulness to every one.

Respectfully submitted,
E. L. GRAVES, Chairman.

On motion the report was adopted.

24. The report on State Missions was read by Bro. H. Hawkins.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

In discussing the subject of missions, Dr. Curtis Lee Law says, from God's point of view there are no State Missions, or Home Missions, or Foreign Missions; the divisions are but the outgrowth of wisely considered plans for the accomplishment of the greatest good in our various fields of missionary enterprise.

"State Missions" is that department of the great work of evangelizing the world, as applied to our State. It is in the truest sense the "beginning at Jerusalem."

Our Savior made this duty imperative when he said, "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM. Luke 24:46, 47. And again, just as he was in the act of leaving this world, he gives his last personal instruction to his disciples as follows: "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in JERUSALEM and in JUDEA, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of

the earth." Acts 1:8. Thus we see that the Savior himself made it our first duty to BEGIN at home. While it is true that we are not to stop at home, it is equally true that our going into Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth is dependent upon our "BEGINNING at home."

If the root of the tree or plant is neglected the branches will wither and die. Home work is the taking care of the root of the great mission tree, and it should be so cared for and cultivated that every twig and leaf of this tree would glow and sparkle with the illuminations of divine presence as did the burning bush before Moses.

Our State Board is undertaking three departments of work, viz:

1st. Evangelistic.—Last year we had two evangelists in the field, Rev. A. E. Burns working in the northern and Rev. S. O. Y. Ray in the southern part of the State. This year we have six evangelists. Rev. A. E. Burns is still in the northern part of the State, with Rev. J. A. Sandlin to assist him. Rev. J. W. Dickinson working in and around Birmingham, Dr. G. S. Anderson in East and Middle Alabama, Rev. Wm. A. Parker doing faithful work in the western part of the State, while Rev. A. J. Preston has been doing good work in South East Alabama These brethren doubtless have endured many privations and hardships but they have accomplished much good.

2nd. Missionary.—This department of the work is that of establishing new churches and supplying preaching where no churches have been established. In other words it is supplying the destitute.

3d. Missionary Pastoral Work.—This is the work of assisting weak churches to sustain a pastor. This work is fostered by the Board and it is their duty to give special attention to that work. Many weak churches are being helped and many more need assistance. May the divine Master abundantly bless their labors and may the great army of the Baptist people come to their aid with a helping hand to foster and continue this great work.

Respectfully submitted,
HIRAM HAWKINS,
Chairman Committee.

Therefore be it resolved, That, whereas, there comes to this Association the fact that much destitution exists in our bounds, and other work necessary to be done.

Therefore resolved 1, That an executive committee of three be appointed with instructions to employ suitable missionaries for this field.

Resolved 2, That we ask our State Mission Board to assist us in doing this work.

On motion the Association adjourned till 2:30, when the discussion on State Missions will take place.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

25. Bro. W. D. Joiner led in prayer.

26. The subject of State Missions was discussed by Bro. A. J. Preston, E. P. Lipscomb, B. H. Parker, S. O. Y. Ray, H. R. Schramm, G. L. Comer, H. Hawkins.

On motion the report as amended was adopted. Committee, S. O. Y. Ray, H. Hawkins, B. Davie.

27. The following amounts were pledged for Associational work:

Midway church	$50 00	
Ramah church	25 00	
Hawkinsville church	50 00	
Eufaula, 1st church	100 00	
Clayton church	35 00	
Union church	10 00	
Old Mt. Zion church	10 00	
Bethlehem church	10 00	
Center Ridge church	10 00	
Prospect church	25 00	$325 00

28. The report on Orphan's Home was read by Bro. J. J. S. Willis.

Report as follows:

THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Its name is "Louise Short Widows and Orphans' Home of Alabama."

At the Baptist State Convention in November, 1890, Mrs. M. L. B. Woodson made known to the Convention that she would bequeath all of her real estate for the maintenance of such an institution, under the auspices of the said Convention. This was an incentive to other good Christian workers to enlist in this benevolent enterprise, and in January, 1893, the Home was located temporarily at the town of Evergreen, Ala., and in March following the Home was opened in a small rented house and by the next November had received 22 children as inmates, and by that time the trustees decided to make the temporary location permanent, and purchased a nice property there consisting of 80 acres of land, of which 30 acres are in cultivation, 30 acres in pasture and 20 acres in woods or timber, with a ten room brick house and three tenant houses; other improvements are being made on the property by the addition of eleven rooms to the building. This property cost $5,400.33, which has been paid, but funds are much

needed to complete the additional improvements and maintain the children. "Since the Home was started there have been gathered into it 33 boys and 37 girls, and out of it have gone, by apprenticeship, 2 boys; returned to their people 5 boys and 4 girls; by adoption 10 boys and 12 girls, leaving in the Home 16 boys and 21 girls."

"The boys are taught to do farm work and the girls do various kinds of house work."

All that are old enough attend the State school, where no tuition is charged; the cost for matriculation and incidentals amounts to from $5 to $10 per year for each pupil. All attend church and Sunday School. The current expenses amount to about $6.00 per month for each child.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. S. WILLIS,

Chairman Committee.

Discussed by J. J. S. Willis, J. W. Stewart.

On motion the report was adopted.

29. On motion the report of the Special Committee was adopted.

Report as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON YOUNG MINISTERS.

Your committee recommend the adoption of Bro. Samuel Bennett as the beneficiary of this Association. We regard him as a very promising and worthy young man and in every way worthy of our contributions and support.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. HAYGOOD.

30. The report on State of the Churches was read by Bro. S. O. Y. Ray.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

The letters report many revivals the present year; as many as 145 persons have been received into the churches by baptism; the churches have been greatly revived in many places; the contributions for the various objects fostered by us is, all things considered, as good as in any previous year. We are sorry to note in this connection that several churches are not represented and a few report no progress, while some report an actual decline in some respects. We are sorry to say that only twelve churches report any organized work among

the women and some have no Sunday School or prayer meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

S. O. Y. Ray,

for Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

31. The report on Bible and Colportage was read adopted. Report as follows:

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

We, the committee appointed at the last session of your body on the subject of Bible and Colportage, beg leave to say, we have found none being done in the limits of our Association, but find it much needed, and recommend that all who desire religious literature should buy it from Bro. J. B. Collier, Montgomery, Ala.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Watkins.

32. The report on Obituaries was read and adopted. Report as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your committee on Obituaries, beg leave to submit the following report: God in his goodness and mercy has spared to us his servants, who are now, and have been, upholding his cause in our bounds during this associational year. Such demonstrations of his kind providence should be an inspiration to us, and it should stimulate us to greater work in his cause.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. Sinquefield,

A. B. Barr,

John Arrington,

Committee.

33. The report of the special committee on Beneficiary was read and adopted.

Report as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

We recommend the adoption of Bro. Samuel Bennett as the beneficiary of this Association. We regard him as a very promising and worthy young man and in every way worthy our contributions and support.

Respectfully submitted,

S. O. Y. Ray.

34. The report on Nominations was read, and adopted as amended.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Representative to Southern Baptist Convention—J. J. S. Willi alternate, W. N. Reeves.

Representatives to State Convention—J. J. Haygood, E. P. Lipscomb, W. N. Reeves, Jno. Milner, B. Davie, H. Hawkins, G. L. Comer, W. C. Jordan, J. J. S. Willis, S. O. Y. Ray.

Executive Committee—G. L. Comer, Geo. B. Davis, W. C. Jordan, J. J. S. Willis, J. J. Stephens.

To preach Introductory Sermon—J. J. Haygood; alternate, S. O. Y Ray.

Missionary Sermon—E. P. Lipscomb, alternate ——

We recommend that the next session of this Association be held with Midway Baptist church, Midway, Ala., Tuesday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1898.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. B. PRICE,
S. N. COX,
WARREN BAKER,
Committee.

35. On motion the Association will take a recess till 7 tonight.

NIGHT SESSION.

36. The Association joined in singing "Rock of Ages."

37. On motion the Association gave Bro. Joiner the moral support of the body in his efforts among the negroes around Glennville.

38. On motion the resolutions relative to the use of intoxicants were adopted.

Resolutions as follows:

TEMPERANCE.

Resolved, 1. That, in the opinion of this Association, the sale and use of intoxicants is one of the greatest evils of the present day.

2. That any one who sells, aids or abets in the sale of any intoxi-

cants is unworthy of membership in any of our churches.

3. That those who use any kind of intoxicants as a beverage should be excluded from our membership.

S. O. Y. Ray.

Discussed by Bro. S. O. Y. Ray, A. J. Preston and W. C. Jordan.

On motion Association adjourned till 9:30 a. m. tomorrow morning.

39. Bro. B. H. Parker preached tonight.

SUNDAY MORNING.

40. Bro. W. N. Reeves preached the missionary sermon from Hebrews 1:8.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bro. Lipscomb led in prayer.

41. On motion churches represented here were requested to make pledges as to about how much they would give to the Orphanage and the Clerk was requested to write to the churches not represented and secure pledges.

Pledges as follows:

Center Ridge	$20 00	
Eufaula 1st	50 00	
Clayton	15 00	
Midway	20 00	
Old Mt. Zion	5 00	
Pleasant Plains	5 00	
Prospect	5 00	
Union	5 00	$125 00

42. On motion a Committee on Program for the next Association was appointed.

Committee as follows:

E. P. Lipscomb, Jno. Milner, J. T. Watkins.

Moderator and Clerk ex-officio are members of committee.

43. The following standing committees were appointed to report at the next session:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Obituaries--J. D. Godwin, Eufaula; A. A. Adams, W. M. McEachen.

Aged and Infirm Ministers—J. T. Watkins, Clayton; W. C. Jordan, H. L. Jordan.

Temperance—H. Hawkins, Hawkinsville; W. W. Vaughn, C. J. Stephens.

Bible and Colportage.—H. R. Schramm, Midway; J. E. Fenn, A. B. Bush.

Sabbath Schools.—B. Davie, Clayton; Jno. Milner, J. J. S. Willis.

Ministerial Education.—J. J. Haygood, Clayton; E. P. Lipscomb, S. O. Y. Ray.

Orphan's Home.—J. G. Hitchcock, Midway; B. F. Gary, H. W. B. Price.

State Missions.—Wm. Reeves, Eufaula; Warren Baker, W. B. Bowden.

Home Missions.—J. J. S. Willis, Mt. Andrew; J. G. Sinquefield, Earnest Norton.

Foreign Missions.—S. O. Y. Ray, Midway; J. E. Fenn, H. H. Hovey.

Woman's Work.—W. C. Jordan, Midway; J. E. Warr, J. C. Culpepper.

44. The Finance Committee's report was read and adopted. (See report.)

45. On motion a collection was ordered taken up tonight to supply the amount necessary to have the minutes printed.

45. On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due to the people of this city, and are hereby tendered for their bountiful entertainment for all in attendance. JOHN MILNER.

47. On motion 600 copies of the minutes were ordered printed.

Adjourned till after night session.

NIGHT SESSION.

48. On motion all unappropriated funds collected tonight be equally divided between Home, State and Foreign missions.

49. On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Midway Baptist church, Midway, Ala., on Tuesday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1898, at 10 a. m.

G. L. COMER, MODERATOR.

GEO. B. DAVIS, Clerk.

EXTRACT FROM MISSIONARY SERMON

PREACHED BY REV. W. N. REEVES, D. D., ON SUNDAY, DEC. 5, 1897.

FRIENDS, BRETHREN: Pardon me if I linger yet a little longer on the threshold of these services. Standing before you as I do this day and upon this interesting anniversary occasion, my mind flashes back over the past, far back over many years. Memories—sweet memories and sad—come crowding in upon me. My thoughts are with the sainted dead who once walked with us in the ways of life and long shared our joys and our sorrows, our toils and our triumphs. But the Master called, "Come up higher," and they have gone to mingle in the perfect service of the upper sanctuary where we all hope to join them bye and bye, and how soon none of us may know. There was Col. W. W. Battle, for twenty-one years the faithful and beloved Moderator of this Association; and Gov. John Gill Shorter, who presided at the organization of this Association, and who was afterwards and more than once its Moderator. His pure and lovely life, his noble, spotless character, his honored and honorable services in church and State are among our richest and most cherished legacies. Col. Morgan Seals, genial, warm-hearted, impulsive, an ever-ready worker and free giver, and Dr. Wm. H. Thornton, the sweet-souled, well-poised physician, an ever faithful friend and wise counsellor; to know him was to love him. And Rev. J. Stratton Paullin, whose long and devoted service as Clerk of this Association was ever a labor of love; and B. B. Davis, also for many years our efficient Clerk, a warm and beautifully-rounded Christian character, and most lovely; a man who walked with God and was not, for God took him. And Col. Eli S. Shorter, who in the closing years of a distinguished and honored life gave himself most heartily to the service of the Master. He was with

us at our great Association out at Pea Grove just twenty years ago. I preached your missionary sermon on that occasion also. Some of you still remember it. My theme was "Evolution in Religion." The Colonel had listened with great earnestness and evident pleasure. And I shall never forget his words of commendation and encouragement. As we were leaving the grounds he said to me, "Well, you may go on evolution as much as you please and as long as you please, but you'll never preach a better sermon than that as long as you live."

And what shall I say more? For the time would fail me to tell of Uncle Joel Simms, of Squire Zadock Daniel, of W. S. Paullin and of Jonathan Thornton; of Chancellor Foster, also, one of the wisest of the wise, truest of the true and noblest of the noble.

This is only a partial roll-call of our sainted and beloved dead, but I must not detain you longer. These, all these, and more, many more, and noble, lovely, devoted, consecrated women not a few, all having obtained a good report through faith, have joined the great cloud of witnesses on the other shore. May we each and all of us so live, so fulfill our parts, that when the summons come we shall be ready to join them in "the home over there."

CONSTITUTION.

OF THE EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Adopted at its organization, November 13th, 1854.

We the Church of Jesus Christ, having been regularly baptized upon a profession of faith, were hereby constituted an Association under the above title upon the following principles, or

ABSTRACT OF FAITH:

1. We believe in one only true and living God—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—and that these three are one.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
5. We believe in man's incapacity to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by any exertion of his own free will.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.

9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the only mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and that the joys of the righteous will be everlasting.

11. We believe that no ministers have a right to the administration of the ordinances, except such as have been regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of a presbytery.

Decorum.

Article 1. Those members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our Union shall compose the Association.

Art. 2. The members thus chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the Eufaula Baptist Association.

Art. 4. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage; nor by which they can infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present. The Clerk shall act as Treasurer also.

Art. 6. If new churches desire to be admitted into this Union, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. No church in this Association shall have more than two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and one for every twenty-five thereafter.

Art. 8. Any church may ask advice of the Association, as an advisory council, but the advice shall not be considered authoritative in matters where the peace of the church is concerned.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. Every member who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking except he depart from the subject.

Art. 11. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject, without leave of the Association.

Art. 12. There shall be no talking or whispering during a public speech, nor reflections cast upon the speaker.

ART. 13. No member shall exempt himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

ART. 14. If any member shall break the Rules of Decorum he shall be reprimanded by the Moderator.

ART. 15. It shall be the business of this Association—

1st. To provide for the general union of the churches.

2nd. To keep up a correspondence with sister Associations of the same faith and order.

3rd. To give the churches the best advice in matters of difficulty; and if the communication should be broken between any of the sister churches in the Union, to inquire into the cause of the breach, and use their best endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church or churches whom they should look upon as unsound in principle or immoral in practice, till such church or churches be reclaimed.

4th. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants, if they should judge it to be necessary.

5th. To require the Clerk to record the proceedings of the Association (which shall be signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises at each annual meeting), to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, a file of which shall be preserved by him, and that he be compensated for his services.

6th. To amend this plan or form of government at any time when the majority of the Union shall deem it to be necessary.

7th. To adjourn to any time and place which may be thought proper.

ART. 16. Any brother from this body present at the session of any Association with which we correspond be recognized as a correspondent, and any of our members present at the Alabama Baptist State Convention may fill any vacancy that occurs from the absence of the appointees to that body.

ART. 17. Those brethren to whom is assigned special work in the Association be enrolled as members of the same.

ART. 18. That the Clerk be allowed twenty-five dollars ($25.00) annually for his services. (Adopted Oct. 22, 1896.)

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1897.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.		Home Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Associat'l Missions—Cash.	Ministerial Education.		Orphans Home.		Minutes.	Home Expenses.			Total.	Women's, Young People's & Children's Societies.			Sunday Schools.				Value of Property.
	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.		Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.		Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.	Sunday Schools.		Missions—Voucher.	Home Exp'ns—Voucher.	Orph's Home—Voucher.	Missions—Cash.	Missions—V'chr.	School Expenses.	Orphans' Home.	
1. Bethlehem	$ 1 50	$ 3 40	$ 2 00	$	$ 2 00	$	$	$	$	$	$ 50	$	$	$	$ 9 40	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	
2. Clayton		43 06	22 44	60	20 00	15 05	1 75	13 10	11 90		48 50	1 50	600 00		27 00	190 90			3 00					3000 00
3. Center Ridge		22 33		8 61			50				20 41	1 50	150 00	150 00	37 69	111 03	34 40				18 08			100 00
4. Cowikee							5 00					50				5 50								
5. Enon																								
6. Eufaula, First		30 40		75 00			4 40					4 40	930 00	1204 00		206 22	14 52					50 00		15000 00
7. Eufaula, Sou. Side				1 00		4 60	1 00					1 00	125 95	35 85		7 60						18 87		900 00
8. Evergreen																								
9. Glennville		5 00	3 00		1 50							50	68 50			10 00								
10. Hawkinsville	9 00						1 00		15 00				75 00	5 00		25 00						2 00		
11. Midway	23 90		23 90		23 90		2 50			5 00		2 00	400 00		48 40	202 60	77 50	20 00	7 00	5 70	11 20			1000 00
12. Mt. Olive																								
13. Mt. Zion		2 90			2 00	1 20	8 58		1 22			1 00	47 50	10 50		16 90								500 00
14. Old Mt. Zion	90		85									1 20	36 25											320 00
15. Pea Creek																								
16. Pleasant Grove																								
17. Pleasant Hill																								
18. Prospect	5 53	12 75	3 01		5 53		1 00					1 50	125 00			29 35								1000 00
19. Ramah	3 15	16 31				10 07	50		2 63		1 00	1 00	175 00	26 00	16 81						7 95		8 86	1000 00
20. Union		14 46					4 00				2 50	50				21 46								
21. Pleasant Plains		7 44					50				1 25	50			12 00	9 69								1000 00
TOTALS	43 98	158 08	55 23	85 21	54 93	30 92	30 73	13 10	30 75	5 00	73 66	17 60		2431 35	141 90	845 65	126 42	20 00	10 00	5 70	37 23	70 87	8 86	21420 00

Hat Collection for State Missions, $1.96; Foreign Missions, $1.96; Home Missions, $1.96; Total Cash, $226.27; Total Vouchers, $673.83; Grand Total, $900.10.

Other Contributions (Vouchers)—Cowikee, for Judson Institute, $5.20. Eufaula, First Church, for Judson Institute, $27.50. Eufaula, South Side Church, for Incidental Education, $12.05. Clayton, for Howard College, $10.00.

204.02 / 42.40 / 87.81 / 43.85 / 78.69

Judson 32.70

Howard 10.

2573.25

STATISTICS OF EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1897.

	CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK'S NAME AND POST-OFFICE.	Memb'p last report'd	Increase				Deerease				Present Membership	SUNDAY SCHOOL.		SUPERINTENDENT'S NAME AND POST OFFICE.	Preaching Sabbath.
						By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Voucher.	By Restoration.	By Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Erasure.	By Death.		Officers & Teach'rs	Pupils.		
1.	Bethlehem‡	Barbour	W. H. Simmons.	M. B. Reynolds, Clayton	104		2			30			1	80	7	60	J. Norton, Louisville	1
2.	Clayton†‡	Barbour	J. J. Hagood	L. H. Perkins, Clayton	147	7	2		1	5			4	148	12	119	B. Davie, Clayton	1&3
3.	Center Ridge†‡	Barbour	H. R. Schramm	J. J. S. Willis, Mt. Andrew	86	8	3			4			2	91	7	70	J. J. S. Willis, Mt. Andrew	1
4.	Cowikee	Barbour	W. N. Reeves	George Boyer, Batesville	20									20				2&4
5.	Enon	Bullock																
6.	Eufaula, First†‡	Barbour	E. P. Lipscomb	Geo. B. Davis, Eufaula	390	47	17		9	24	5		7	427	15	150	G. L. Comer, Eufaula	each
7.	Eufaula, South Side†‡	Barbour	F. L. Wimberly	C. J. Stephens. Eufaula	40	6	24	3		19	1			54	8	77	J. C. Porter, Eufaula	2&4
8.	Evergreen	Barbour			53													
9.	Glennville	Russell	W. D. Joiner	E. C. Perry, Glennville	6		2						1	7	4	21	J. G. Boykin, Glennville	2
10.	Hawkinsville	Barbour	J. W. Dossett	H. Hawkins, Hawkinsville	17	5	2							24	3	25	H. Hawkins, Hawkinsville	3
11.	Midway†‡	Bullock	S. O. Y. Ray	W. E. Jordan, Midway	178	23	10		1	17			4	191	15	107	John Milner, Midway	1&3
12.	Mt. Olive	Barbour			9													
13.	Mt. Zion‡	Bullock	H. R. Schramm	J. T. Baker, Flora	58		1			15				44				2
14.	Old Mt. Zion†	Barbour	G. W. Harrison	L. L. Cochran, Zeigler	102	22	2			4			1	122	6	47	J. H. Scroggins, Zeigler	4
15.	Pea Creek	Barbour																
16.	Pleasant Grove	Barbour			57									57				
17.	Pleasant Hill	Barbour			17									17				
18.	Pleasant Plains‡	Barbour	J. J. Hagood	J. T. Watkins, Clayton	18	10	3						1	30	4	52	J. T. Watkins, Clayton	2
19.	Prospect‡	Barbour	W. H. Simmons.	T. F. J. Green, Lindsey	143		2		3	10			1	137	4	20	A. M. Green, Lindsey	4
20.	Ramah‡	Barbour	S. O. Y. Ray	B. F. Gary, Harris	69	8	7		1	5				80	7	35	E. L. Graves, Harris	4
21.	Union†‡	Barbour	J. J. Hagood	E. G. Fenn, Clayton	67	9	1			18			1	58	4	27	W. B. Bowden, Clayton	4

‡Reports Revival. †Reports Prayer Meeting.